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Murder 1st degree – **Domestic Violence (attempted B20-002906)**

On May 12th, 2020 at about 1:36 am, Kitsap 911 dispatched Bremerton officers to the 2200 block of E. 19th Street for an unknown problem. Dispatch was only able to advise of an approximate location due to the call coming from a cell phone. Dispatchers also provided updates to responding officers explaining they could hear a male and female voice on the open 911 call. They could hear a male's voice threatening to kill and a female begging and apologizing. When officers arrived in the area they were flagged down by a second caller. That caller indicated the disturbance was coming from an apartment in the 2100 block of E. 19th Street.

A Bremerton Police officer arrived on scene, listened at the door, and heard sounds of someone being assaulted on the inside. The officer pounded on the door and identified himself, but no one answered. The officer heard sounds of an assault continuing and forced entry into the apartment based on the exigency of the situation. When the officer entered he observed a male who was pinning down a female while he was assaulting her with a knife. The officer ordered the suspect to drop the knife. The suspect threw the weapon at the officer and missed him. The officer closed the distance, giving verbal orders to the suspect. The suspect then gave up with no further resistance.

Bremerton Officers immediately rendered aid to the woman who had several stab wounds. The Bremerton Fire Department medics arrived on scene and continued to work on aid for the victim. The victim was airlifted to Harborview in critical condition.

The 24-year-old suspect has been booked into the Kitsap County Jail for attempted Murder (DV).

The victim is 23 years old.

The crime scene has been secured and a warrant is being sought to process the scene for evidence. Bremerton Detectives continue to investigate. Anyone with information relevant to this investigation are asked to contact Detective Kenny Davis at (360) 473-5482.

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